

Co-chairs Dembrow and Power  
Members, Joint Committee on Carbon Reduction

I very much appreciate the efforts of your committee to address the climate crisis facing Oregon, the nation and the planet. Individuals and communities are seeing the effects of increased wildfires, prolonged droughts, reduced snowpack, ocean acidification and many related effects on wildlife, fisheries and agriculture. As a mother, grandmother, hiker, birder, gardener and retired public health professional I recognize these effects daily.

HB 2020 provides important movement toward a strong climate policy framework for Oregon. It is important to pass this bill to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve our economic well-being. We need to limit free allowances and exemptions. The proceeds of sales of allowances should be distributed to energy related projects in the following specific allocations: 50% impacted communities, 10% tribes, 20% natural and working lands and 20% statewide.

Oregon has the opportunity to be a leader in the development of a clean energy economy in the 21st century. The time is absolutely now to start that transition by passing HB 2020.

Sincerely,

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